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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON FRENCH OFFER TO SUPPLY ENRICHED
URANIUM TO GERMANY

REF: A) PARIS 9124; B) EC BRUSSELS 1815 (NOTAL)

1. IN ADDITION TO THE LE MONDE AND LE FIGARO ARTICLES CITED
IN REFTEL A, OTHER EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE ALSO REPORTED ON THE
FRENCH OFFER TO PROVIDE ENRICHED URANIUM TO THE FRG. THE BELGIAN
LEVSOIR AND LE LIBRE BELGIQUE ON APRIL 2 AND 3 REPORTED THE
FRENCH OFFER BUT FOCUSED MORE ON THE " AGITATION" WHICH IT CREATED
IN THE EC COMMISSION. THE ARTICLES ALSO REPORTED THAT THE
EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE USAEC
ON THE 3,000 TON ORDER ON WHICH THE FRENCH HAVE BID. THEY DIS-
CUSSED THE DIFFICULT DECISION NOW FACING THE GERMANS, WHO HAVE
THE COMMUNITY' S MOST AMBITIOUS NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.

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2. ON THE GERMAN PAPERS SEEN HERE, DIE WELT AND FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG OF APRIL 3 REPORTED AND DISCUSSED THE FRENCH OFFER, PARTICULARLY THE DIFFICULT CHOICE ARISING FROM IT FOR THE GERMANS. THEY SAID THE OFFER HAD POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED. THESE ARTICLES ALSO MENTIONED THE CURRENT FRG NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USAEC. DIE WELT ALSO DISCUSSED THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE FRENCH OFFER TO CURRENT CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE EUROPEAN ENRICHMENT FACILITY AND THE RECENT EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY - FRG TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOVIET SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM.

3. IN THE U. K. PRESS SEEN HERE, THE GUARDIAN OF APRIL 2 AND A SHORT ARTICLE IN THE TIMES OF APRIL 3 DISCUSS THE FRENCH OFFER. THE GUARDIAN TOUCHES ON THE SAME POINTS AS OTHER REPORTS AND HIGHLIGHTS THE POLITICAL NATURE OF THE FRENCH MOVE.
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